

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected.

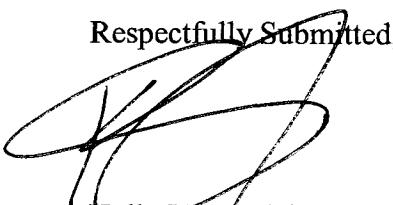
1. Double Patenting

In the Office Action, claims 1-18 stand rejected under on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 37-44 of United States patent 6,696,220 in view of United States patent application publication 2002/0132482. To overcome this rejection, Applicants have provided a terminal disclaimer. As a result, Applicants respectfully contend that claims 1-18 define an invention suitable for patent protection.

2. Conclusion

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 1-18 in the present Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request and allowance of such claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' agent at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully Submitted,



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